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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshihiko UNO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3738

Application No.: 10/693,485

Examiner: C. MILLER

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For: INTRAOCULAR LENS

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants' representative conducted a personal interview with Examiners Miller and Snow on April 12, 2006. A summary of the substance of the personal interview is contained in the following remarks.

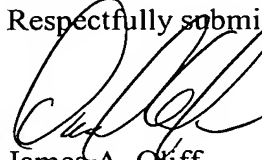
Applicants' representative reviewed the claim amendments presented in Applicants' Amendment filed on March 31, 2006. Applicants' representative noted that, based on the combination of features now incorporated by amendment to independent claim 1, the prior art rejections of the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in which various combinations of claims were rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patents Nos. 4,994,080 to Shepard and 6,280,471 B1 to Peyman et al. were rendered moot. Applicants' representative pointed out that all of the features recited in independent claim 1 were available in combinations of dependent claims that had not been rejected as anticipated by either of these references.

Applicants' representative then discussed the rejection of the pending claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,913,898 to Feingold. Applicants'

representative specifically highlighted features that distinguished the subject matter of the pending claim over Feingold. In response, the Examiners expressed concern that, based on a recited relationship to a front surface of a crystalline lens of an eye, the claim may be indefinite. Applicants' representative strongly traversed the Examiners' conclusion in this regard. The Examiners then noted that it may be possible to interpret various embodiments of Feingold as allegedly at least suggesting the combination of all the features recited in independent claim 1. Again, Applicants' representative strongly traversed the Examiners' conclusion. Applicants' representative requested that careful review of the features positively recited in independent claim 1, and the interrelationships positively recited in claim 1 between those features, be specifically reviewed in light of the Feingold reference. The Examiners indicated that, if it was determined that any future Office Action may issue with regard to the subject matter of independent claim 1, the grounds for rejection would be set out in very specific detail. The Examiners specifically indicated that the Feingold reference needs further review and consideration with respect to claim 1 in terms of the combination of features recited in that claim.

Should any questions arise regarding this submission, all inquiries may be directed to Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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